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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Whitman et al.

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FILL CHARACTERISTIC YIELDING A
PLANARIZED THIN FILM SURFACE

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Sir:

In the Advisory Action dated June 9, 2004, the Office asserted that simple mathematical calculations to determine the differences in rates of rotation over particular periods in time amounted to "making a falsified calculation" because no distinction has been made between acceleration and rotational speed.

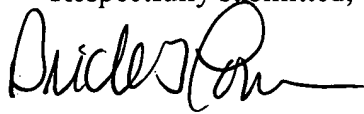
This allegation is unfounded, unappreciated, and extremely offensive.

If any errors were made in the calculations or in the use of the terms "acceleration" and "deceleration," these errors were unintentional, as the bases for the calculations were very clearly

set forth. Moreover, as the calculations were based upon data that clearly appears in the cited references, they are clearly not "falsified."

Applicants will take great care in making sure that the calculations are extremely accurate in the arguments that will be presented in the above-referenced application on appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brick G. Power", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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